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I THOUGHT HE WANTED TO BE MY FRIEND BECAUSE HE LIKED ME
HE LIKED MY OLDER SISTER INSTEAD
I UNDER-STOOD THAT.
AT SOME POINT I STARTED TO THINK I HAD COME TO LOVE MY FRIEND
AND WHILE I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT
MY SISTER REJECTED HIM
SO I SENT HIM A LETTER CHALLENGING HIM
TO A ONCE IN A LIFETIME CONFESSION

AND THEN
MY SISTER AND I HAVE THE SAME FACE AND SHARE THE SAME BLOOD
IN OTHER WORDS, I WANT YOU TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING ME FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU
.....
...EH?
I FEEL LIKE I FAILED
HE PULLED AWAY FROM ME...
FURTHER-MORE, I SOUNDED LIKE I WAS ANGRY

.....
THIS IS BAD
VERY BAD
2-A
FURU-YA?
ONE SECOND
HEY, FURUYA
SOME-ONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU

HE'S AVOIDING ME COMPLETELY
HUM... HANAMOTO-KUN?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...?!
.....
I'M SORRY BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU
EVEN THOUGH HE IS HERE...
THEN, STARTING TODAY OUR FRIENDSHIP IS OVER
FAREWELL
ガラ
THAT'S HOW IT IS
THAT'S HOW IT IS
ガラ
IS FURUYA HERE?

HE SEEMED TO BE IN A HURRY...
HE JUST LEFT
HE SCARED ME
HE'S NOT HERE...
AH
I SEE...
LOOKING UP FURUYA'S WORKPLACE ADDRESS
...

Benny's
I'M SO--
I'M SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU WAITING
YOUR HAM-BURGER PLATE
IT'S HOT, PLEASE BE...
FURUYA
PLEASE BE CAREFUL...
I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY
...

I'M AT WORK NOW, SO
...
...
OF COURSE THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN TALK WHILE HE'S AT WORK
BUT JUST NOW, THE WAY HE LOOKED AT ME
IT WASN'T A HATEFUL LOOK
WHY WOULD HE MAKE THAT FACE?
HE LOOKED SOMEWHAT HURT...
MAYBE THE REASON HE MADE THAT FACE IS THE SAME REASON HE'S AVOIDING ME
EITHER WAY

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING
I'M HOME~
WEL-COME HOME
WHY ARE YOU STAND-ING THERE?
I NEED TO ASK YOU A FAVOR
IT'S ABOUT FURUYA
EH~?
A FAVOR~?
WHAT A BOTH-ER~
I'LL PAY YOU 1,000 YEN
...
5,000 YEN
TOO EXPEN-SIVE! 3,000 YEN
4,500 YEN
4,000 YEN
...I'M IN
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, FURUYA
IF THERE'S A CHANCE, I'D LIKE IT TO BE MUTUAL LOVE
BUT EVEN IF THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE, THERE'S NOTHING WORSE

THAN BEING HATED BY YOU
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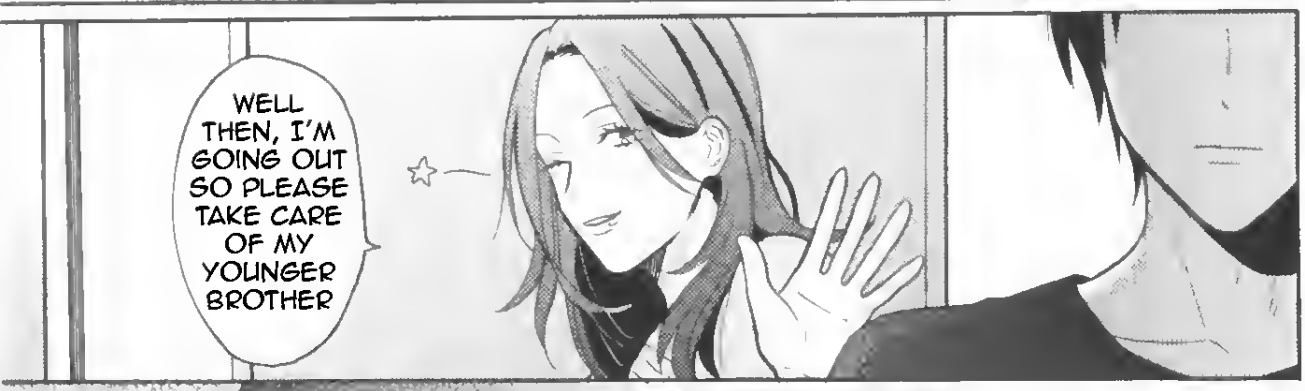
ズ"ーン
!
受信トレイ
from Sister
Re
MISSION CLEAR
…ALRIGHT …!

AH
SHINOBU IS HERE
JUST IN TIME ♥
HUM...
HANA-MOTO-SAN, THIS IS...

I'M SORRY, AKITO-KUN~
HE PAID ME TO DO IT...
IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT, PLEASE TALK TO SHINOBU ABOUT IT
TH--


WELL THEN, I'M GOING OUT SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY YOUNGER BROTHER

FURUYA
INTIMIDATING AIR
.....
THIS... PLAYING A DIRTY TRICK LIKE THIS...

.....
WHY DO YOU KEEP RUNNING AWAY FROM ME?
ARE YOU THAT DISGUSTED BY ME?
IF THAT'S THE REASON ...
Y--
YOU'RE WRONG
THAT'S NOT IT
IT'S BE-CAUSE
I'M A TERRIBLE PERSON ...

I WAS CERTAIN
SO YOU DECIDED TO AVOID ME
...
ME TOO
I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FEELINGS TO GET CLOSER TO YOU
...
BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T CARE... THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT
IT'S PAINFUL TO LOOK AT YOUR FACE
ALL THIS TIME I WAS ONLY THINKING ABOUT MYSELF
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T NOTICE YOUR FEELINGS AT ALL
NO, THANKS...
AND THEN I'LL DO MY BEST TO LAUGH OFF THE FACT
THAT YOU REJECTED ME
I THOUGHT HE WAS DISGUSTED BY ME
THIS IS UNEXPECTED
THAT'S WHY, IF I HURT YOU,
YOU'RE FREE TO LAUGH AT MY SITUATION
BUT I
DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU TO GIVE ME SUCH A SAD LOOK

IT'S ALRIGHT
DON'T HOLD BACK
SHINOBU ...
IN THAT CASE... COULD YOU UNTIE ME FIRST?
PLEASE
NO WAY I'M DOING IT
NO
EH?
WHY?
I LIKE
YOU'LL RUN AWAY
YOU'RE LYING
I'M NOT
I WON'T RUN AWAY, I PROMISE
.....
FURUYA
SHINOBU?
... I REALLY DO

I'M NOT CRYING... DEFI-NITELY NOT
THOSE ARE TEARS
THEY'RE NOT
I'M BECOMING A DETESTABLE GUY
... ARE YOU CRYING?
...
HE'S GETTING CARRIED AWAY
MY HEART IS TOO SMALL TO ENDURE SUCH A SHOCK...
TENSION METER
UWA--
CREEPY
(IMAGINING)
SHI-NOBU, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
I DON'T WANT HIM TO HATE ME
BUT I'M TOO SELFISH TO UNTIE THE ROPES
... HEY, SHINOBU
WHAT A SHITTY SISTER SHE IS
NOT CUTE AT ALL~
(TRUE STORY)
YOU'RE REALLY SELF-ISH~

SOME TIME AGO YOU ASKED ME
WHAT I WOULD WANT TO DO IF I WAS DATING HANA-MOTO-SAN
IF YOU LIKE ME SO MUCH,
WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO DO IF WE WERE DATING?
I'D WANT TO KEEP YOU TIED UP SO YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING BUT ME
... I LOVE YOU

YOU'RE TWISTED, AREN'T YOU?
YOU GOT EXCITED JUST NOW
...
LAUGHING
WHAT
...
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE A PLAN FOR COMPRO-MISE?
IF YOU KEEP TALKING THAT WAY I'LL END UP GETTING CARRIED AWAY
...
I DON'T KNOW
WOULD SOME-THING CHANGE IF I DID?
ARE YOU THINKING, FURUYA?

I WANT TO TOUCH YOU,
FURUYA
…
FURUYA …
THAT WAY I MAY BE ABLE TO UNDER-STAND
ALRIGHT, LET'S GIVE IT A TRY

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
T-- TRYING SOME-THING OUT
OBVI-OUSLY
SORRY~! I FORGOT MY WALLET...
...AH...
I'M GOING HOME...

WOW
THE MOOD WAS JUST RIGHT~
HA HA...
I ALMOST GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT
WHAT WAS I THINK-ING?
THE MOOD
THEN
YOU JUST GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT?
...FURUYA
WAS I THE ONLY ONE BEING SERIOUS ABOUT IT?
.....

ARE YOU SERIOUS?
WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER IS STILL VALID, RIGHT?
HEY, SHINOBU!
WHY ARE WE GOING BACK?
...
ABOUT WHAT?
WHAT I SAID EARLI-ER?
YOU SAID YOU MAY BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IF I TOUCH YOU
...I...
HANAMOTO'S PLACE

I TOLD YOU!!!
I TOLD YOU I GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT
GET YOUR HAND OUT OF THE WAY
UWOO OOO OOO OOO OOO
A-- ARE WE REALLY GOING TO DO IT?
IS IT OK WITH YOU?
EH?
I MEAN, YOUR PARENTS AND HANA-MOTO-SAN WILL BE BACK SOON, RIGHT?
"IS IT OK?" IT'S NOT
YES, BUT...
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BURST INTO MY ROOM JUST TO GIVE ME A HUG
WHAT IS THIS ...?
INCRED-IBLE... MY HANDS ARE SLIP-PERY...
WAY TOO SLIP-PERY
THEY MOVE AS IF IN PROFES-SIONAL WRES-TLING
ARE YOU STUPID?

... SORRY
TOUCH-ING YOU JUST A LITTLE BIT IS NOT ENOUGH
PLEASE LET ME TOUCH YOU MORE
... BUT... IT'S WEIRD...
UUUU WAAA~
I DON'T MIND IT THOUGH
THAT MAY BE TRUE
WELL, ACTU-ALLY, NO...
IT WOULD BE EMBAR-RASSING IF YOU DID
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO GO ALL THE WAY
I MEAN, THERE'S NOTHING FUN
ABOUT SEEING A MAN NAKED
DO AS YOU PLEASE...
CAN I UNDRESS YOU?

HE'S SO SERIOUS ...
THEN, SHALL WE STOP?
M--
MAYBE...
LET'S TRY ONE STEP AT A TIME
SAYING THAT I LOVE YOU OUT LOUD
MAKES ME LOVE YOU EVEN MORE
I'M STILL GETTING MENTALLY PREPARED
HOW ABOUT YOU, FURUYA?
I STILL DON'T KNOW, BUT
SEE? MY HEART IS BEATING LIKE CRAZY
THUMP
THUMP
I ALREADY DECIDED WHAT I WANT
UWO

AH... YOU'RE SO IMPA-TIENT~ ...
THAT'S WHY, PLEASE DON'T REJECT ME
SHINO-BU~ WE'RE HOME
YOUR PARENTS HAD TO COME BACK AT THAT EXACT MOMENT, HUH...
HOW MANY TIMES WILL WE WALK DOWN THIS STREET TODAY?
SHINO-BU? OH, ARE YOU WITH A FRIEND? OPEN THE DOOR~
:
EXCUSE ME FOR DISTUR-BING...!
EX...
AND FOR WRES-TLING
AH~ IT'S THE SHARP-SHOOTER

I...
DID LIKE HER
HANA-MOTO -SAN
BUT SHE STARTED DATING SOMEONE ELSE,
RE-JECTED ME
AND SOMEHOW HER YOUNGER BROTHER CON-FESSED TO ME
I WAS KIND OF SCARED
SO I PULLED AWAY FROM HIM
BUT
I FELT I HAD BEEN INCONSID-ERATE TO SHINOBU
...EVEN SO...
I COULDN'T HELP FALLING FOR YOU

DO YOU WANT TO TRY DATING ME?
ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE A BUMPY RIDE
—SOMETHING INCREDIBLE HAPPENED JUST NOW
EH...
AM I DREAMING?
IT CAN'T BE TRUE
THIS IS ALL A DREAM
JUST TO TEST AND SEE HOW IT FEELS
AH~... SOME-HOW
SOMEHOW THIS DOESN'T FEEL REAL AT ALL
HE~...
I'M FEELING SHY AGAIN...
WELL... PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME...

...
IT'S WARM
...
THEN THIS IS NOT A DREAM ...?
OR IS IT A REALISTIC DREAM...?
?
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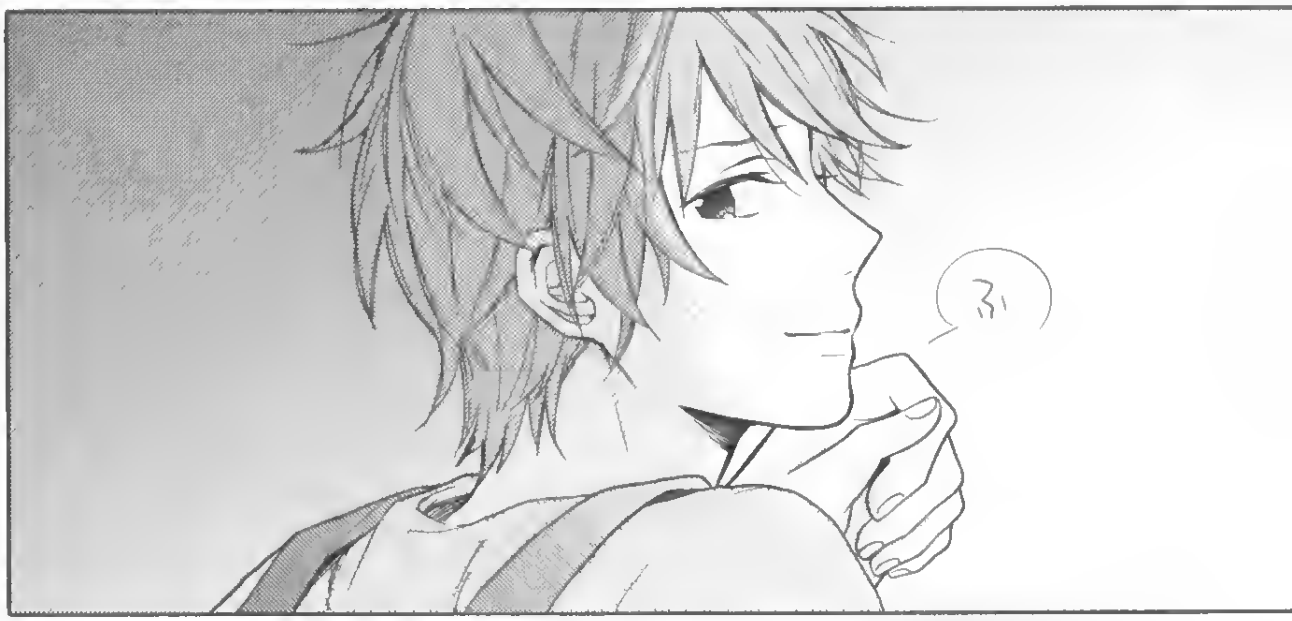
I FEEL EXTREMELY
:
LIGHT AND AIRY
THIS IS REAL THIS IS REAL
NO WAY
SERI-OUSLY?
ARE A WEIRD GUY
SHINOBU... YOU REALLY...
ENOUGH~

BUT
I QUITE LIKE
THE WAY YOU ARE
MY HEART IS BEATING FAST
MY VISION IS BLURRY
EITHER WAY
MY THROAT BECOMES DRY ALL OF A SUDDEN
RUM-BLE~
UWA
MY STO-MACH IS GROWL-ING
LET'S GET SOME-THING TO EAT
NOOD-LES WOULD BE NICE
I WANT TO EAT SOMETHING WARM
WHAT IS THAT?

THE LIGHTS
SPORADICALLY ILLUMINATE OUR PATH AHEAD
I REALLY ...
LOVE YOU, FURUYA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I WANT TO WALK HOLDING HANDS
I KNOW
HOTEL
ラブファントム
フラ…
IT'S STILL TOO SOON FOR ME
I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY
SHINOBU, YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT